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[origin: EP0159823A1] N-ethoxycarbonyl-14-hydroxynorcodeinone is prepared by contacting N-ethoxycarbonyl-norcodeinone dienol acetate with an aromatic or aliphatic mono-basic or poly-basic peroxy- acid under Reaction Conditions effective for substituting an -OH group in the 14-position of the norcodeinone dienol acetate. In a preferred embodiment the Reaction Conditions include effecting the contacting in the presence of (A) a moderately strong acid having a pK_a of from about 0.3 to about 3.5, (B) an inert organic solvent, and (C) in the substantial absence of water. Codeine is converted to noroxymorphone by an improved process employing the above method for introducing the 14-hydroxy group into the codeine derivative.

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